

An Albino Duck.— On September 12, 1909, a hunter brought in a pure white duck which he had shot at Lake Traverse, near Wheaton, Minnesota, the day before. I examined the duck and could find no trace of a colored feather anywhere. The white was not pure white but slightly tinged with yellow and the legs were of a dull yellow color. The bird was the same size and shape as some Gadwalls which were in the string but it might have been a Widgeon, I could not absolutely say which. If the duck had not been so badly shot up and if the man, even at that, had not expressed his desire of having it mounted I should have tried to secure the specimen.— ALBERT W. HONYWILL, JR., *New Haven, Conn.*

Snow Geese in Framingham, Massachusetts.— I wish to report that on November 19, 1909, in Framingham, at 12.50 p. m., I observed, at close range, a flock of thirty or more Snow Geese flying very low towards me from northeast to southwest over open fields. Hearing the distant honking I had been prepared to see Canada Geese but to my amazement the birds were pure white with the tips of the primaries black. When first seen the birds were flying in a V and were very noisy. I observed the birds most carefully, noting their size and their curiously shaped, brightly colored bills. The birds were almost as large as Canada Geese and it is my belief that they were the Greater rather than the Lesser Snow Geese.— LIDIAN E. BRIDGE, *West Medford, Mass.*

Another Swan for Maine.— In the Ellsworth 'American' for April 1, 1908, appeared the following item: "A handsome bird, rare for this section, was brought to E. D. Brann, taxidermist at Ellsworth today. It is a wild swan, which was shot at Webb's Pond by Hamlin Kingman of Waltham, Monday. It is a young bird, pure white, except for its black feet and bill and grayish shade on head and neck. . . ." As the writer had occasion to be in Ellsworth immediately afterward he visited the taxidermist shop of Mr. Brann but found the proprietor was out. The bird could be seen through the store window but was too far away to permit of its specific identification. On other occasions when in Ellsworth I was likewise unable to see the bird at closer quarters. Recently I asked Miss Cordelia J. Stanwood of Ellsworth if she would not get careful measurements and a description of the bird for me, knowing she was a careful observer and bird student. She very kindly obtained and sent me the following description: "Bill and feet of specimen black; a yellow spot before the eye or on the lores; distance from nostril to the eye much greater than distance from nostril to tip of bill; head somewhat tinged with warm gray or pearl gray; the rest of the bird white. The specimen is in pretty good condition aside from dirt." In connection with Miss Stanwood's description and my own distant view of the bird I have no hesitation in pronouncing it a Whistling Swan, a bird new to Maine. The only other identified species of swan known from Maine is the Whooping Swan, being the specimen formerly in the collection of Clarence H. Clark of Lubec, and now, I have been told, in the Bowdoin College collection.— ORA WILLIS KNIGHT, *Bangor, Me.*

The Wood Ibis (*Mycteria americana*) in the Mountains of North Carolina.

— I saw and examined a mounted specimen of this species which was killed on the Catawba River near Morganton, Burke County, North Carolina, a few years ago. The bird was on exhibition in Leslie's drug store and the proprietor assured me that many others were seen but not secured. As far as my information extends this species has never been reported further westward than Raleigh. (See Brimley, *Auk*, X, 1893, 243.)— ARTHUR T. WAYNE, *Mount Pleasant, S. C.*

An Egret in Rhode Island.— Messrs. Angell & Cash of Providence, R. I., permit me to record the capture of an immature male Egret (*Herodias egretta*) at Point Judith, August 2, 1909. The bird was brought to them to be mounted.— REGINALD HEBER HOWE, *Concord, Mass.*

Capture of the Northern Phalarope near Springfield, Mass.— A Northern Phalarope (*Lobipes lobatus*) was captured on the Connecticut River near Springfield, Mass., on September 23, 1909.— ROBERT O. MORRIS, *Springfield, Mass.*

A Recent Record for the Eskimo Curlew.— On November 22, while at the University of Maine, I noticed among the accessions to the Museum a very fine specimen of the Eskimo Curlew which had been recently mounted. This bird is a male and was taken at Hog Island, Hancock County, Maine, on September 2, 1909, by Mr. Cyrus S. Winch, the taxidermist for the University. This is the first record of the species along the Maine coast for several years. Mr. Winch also had a Hudsonian Curlew taken at the same locality by a fisherman a day or so before he arrived there.— ORA WILLIS KNIGHT, *Bangor, Me.*

Pinnated Grouse in Southern Ontario.— On November 25, 1909, I had the pleasure of looking through the collection of Mr. Alex. Gow, Windsor, Ont., and was much pleased to find in it a recent Canadian specimen of the Pinnated Grouse. The bird was a female in fine condition, taken in Sandwich, West Township, eight miles south of Windsor, on the Detroit River, April 29, 1897. It seems altogether probable that this will be the last specimen ever taken in southern Ontario; though, of course, it will probably occur in the northwestern part of the Province.

Mr. Gow tells me, that he had two others, which had been taken near Chatham, forty miles east of Windsor, about 1882 or 1883, but these have not been kept.

The country around Chatham, and from there to Windsor, has much ground suited to the needs of this bird and there can be little doubt that it was once common through most of this territory, although the district ten miles north of Chatham is the only spot from which records have been preserved.— W. E. SAUNDERS, *London, Ont.*